



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3731**

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 75657

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HULSE et al.

Serial No. 08/853,422

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For: OBSTETRICAL VACUUM EXTRACTOR
CUP WITH SOFT MOLDED LIP

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: G. Dawson

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 1998, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 12, 13, and 16 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An obstetrical vacuum extractor for placement on a child's head for use during childbirth, the obstetrical vacuum extractor comprising, in combination,

a vacuum cup formed of a first material, the vacuum cup having a side wall defining a hollow interior cavity, the side wall having a side wall edge forming a cup opening, the vacuum cup further including a vacuum opening communicating with the interior cavity of the vacuum cup and being adapted for connection to a vacuum source;

a lip formed of a polymeric second material, the second material being flexible relative to the first material, the lip being [secured] molded along said side wall